

## J. J. HILL SAYS NATION IS EATING UP ITS RESOURCES

Using Our Principal Instead of Interest, Says Great Northern Magnate.

## LIVING UPON ASSETS.

Wheat Fields Overworked Because of Lack of Scientific Methods in Agriculture.

"Happy are they who hear their destructions and can put them to mend." might have been the Shakespearean part of a little sermon delivered last night by Mr. James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railroad Company, on the danger of "taking no thought for the morrow."

It was not an interview, as Mr. Hill was at pains to explain, but merely a little chat to supplement and make more accurate the opinions he expressed when he returned to New York yesterday. The man whose retirement from business has been reported a score of times delivered himself of this little sermon during a full in his work at the Hotel Gotham.

The burden of Mr. Hill's warning was that this country, whose prosperity is the talk of the world, is in reality living upon its assets. Like the heir to a huge fortune, America is spending the principal instead of living upon the interest.

## Possibilities Shrink Yearly.

"People are fond of speaking of the United States as the land of unlimited possibilities," said Mr. Hill, "but those possibilities will rapidly become limited—they will shrink year by year if the aid of science is not invoked. The immense wheat fields of the West are already showing deterioration. For every bushel of grain taken from the land to-day two were taken a generation ago. The fertility of the soil is not being maintained."

"In happy-go-lucky fashion the farmer plants the same crop upon the same land, year after year, until the exhausted soil rebels and produces from the unfertilized ground an emaciated kernel from an undeveloped ear."

"A million immigrants arrive on these shores in one year. Where are we going to put them? The wide domains of a generation ago are occupied. The forest lands west of the Mississippi are rapidly being depleted. Reckless ignorance of forestry has destroyed thousands of acres of timber and science has hardly begun to replenish the stock."

"These masses from Europe will have to turn from agriculture and become artisans, workers of the city, of the factory, of the mine. What are we going to do with what they produce? Who is going to buy? We have looked at our trade returns and swelled our chests with satisfaction at their size, oblivious of the fact that those same returns represent our heritage—our principal, which should remain in the bank to earn a continuing income."

## Balance of Trade Against Us.

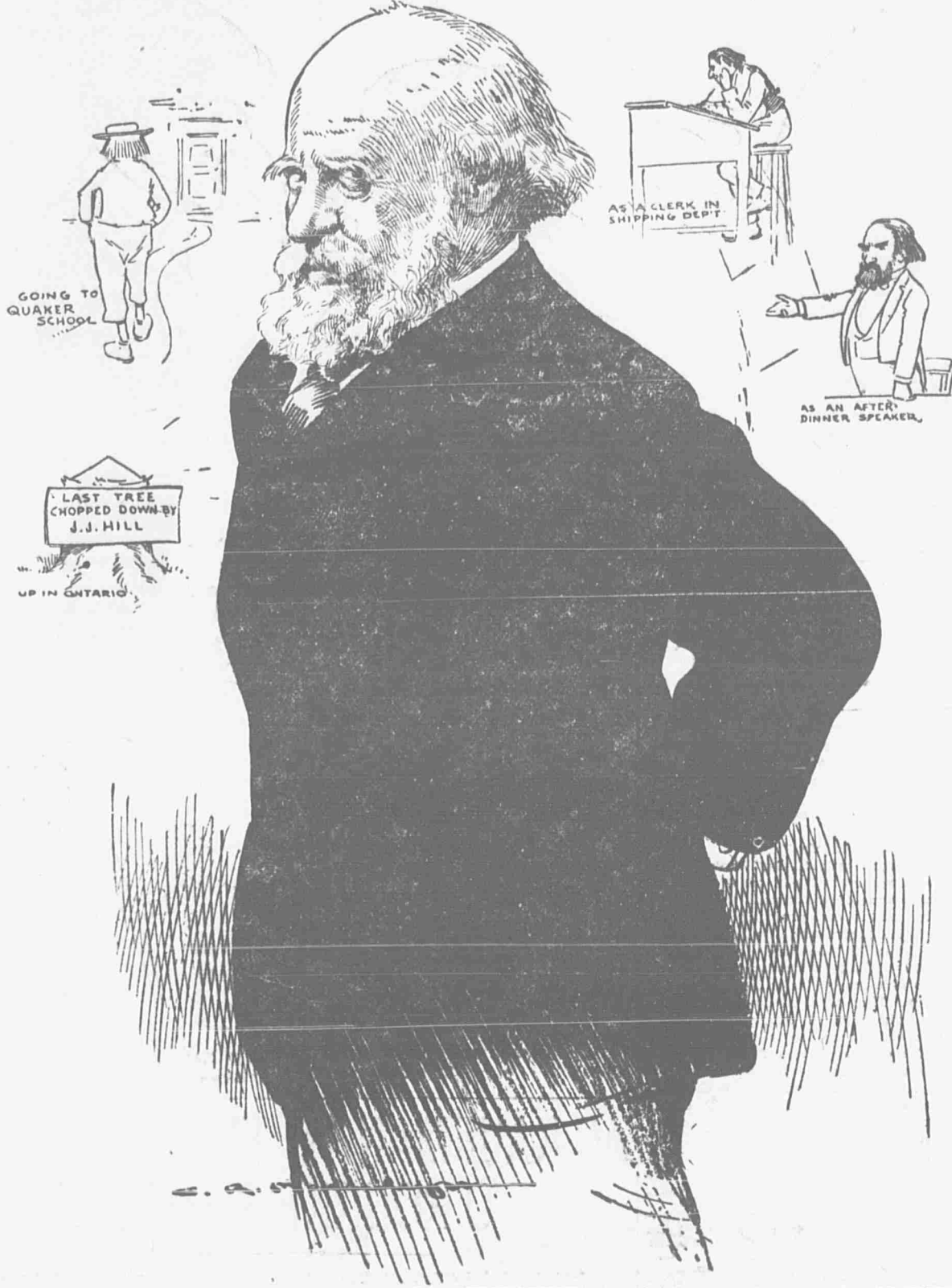
"In other words, it is raw material. What of the manufactured articles? Why, England sells us \$250,000,000 more than we sell her. Only 10 per cent of Japan's imports come from the United States, while Great Britain sells that little country about two-thirds of her total. Japan sells us \$50,000,000 worth of goods and in return we send her but \$25,000,000."

"We can make steel cheaper than any one else, but what else can we make cheaper? How can we compete with the German workman who carries science and economy into every species of industry?"

"American wastefulness is most apparent in regard to her greatest asset—agriculture. We must aim to keep the people upon the land, and so deal with the land that it will support the people. At the St. Louis Fair the exhibits of chemical and scientific treatment of the soil which were shown displayed what the Kaiser's realm is doing in the field of agricultural industry. The proper rotation of crops, the treatment of the grain—the very kernels being handled scientifically one by one—the care of the soil, every detail of husbandry is considered, not by men who drift haphazard into farming, but by learned and honored professors who

## JAMES J. HILL TALKING OF OUR DANGERS.

(Sketched from life by Charles Raymond Macauley.)



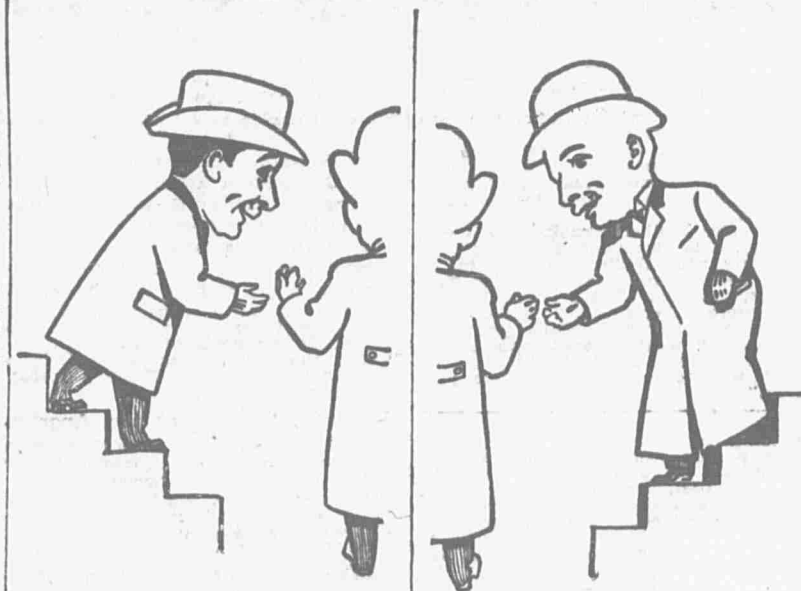
have devoted lifelong study to the science.

## Agriculture Nation's Backbone.

"Agriculture is the backbone of a nation. It is that which makes the money. Look at France. It paid the indemnity demanded by Germany after the Franco-Prussian war within half the stipulated time. The French are the bankers of the world. There is more French money in England than the Chancellor of the Exchequer likes to think about. The per capita wealth of France is greater than of any other country in the universe, with the possible exception of Canada."

"Look at Japan. The little land of Nippon has an agricultural folk, and it is an agricultural race that maintains supremacy. The land is the cradle of the race. It is the country that the exhausted energies of a town-living people can be recreated. The mineral wealth of the richest mine ever located by the prospector's hammer cannot be made to yield perpetual treasure. The richest vein of ore and the deepest seam of coal will exhaust itself, but the treasure of the golden wheat field can be made as perpetual as the sun and the rain that bring forth its yearly increase."

"Mr. Hill is country-born, Ontario being his native birth, and at the age of sixty-seven is a living example of the soundness of his beliefs."



Even in so big a sale as the one we started yesterday, our own experienced men do all the fitting and selling.

To get in outside help would be as foreign to our policy as to get in outside garments.

With from 25% to 60% knocked off the price of every Winter sack overcoat in our stock, our own men had no time yesterday to make any count of what had been sold.

So this morning we can only tell what we started the sale with yesterday, and add that in both medium and full length sacks, in plain and belted coats, there are plenty of choice bargains still and a full assortment of sizes.

ROGERS, PEET & COMPANY.  
Three Broadway Stores. 1260  
at 13th St. 32nd St.

This is what we started with!

Men's overcoats at \$20.

126 coats that were \$50	216	"	"	\$45
216	"	"	"	\$42
279	"	"	"	\$40
378	"	"	"	\$36
423	"	"	"	\$35
478	"	"	"	\$32
748	"	"	"	\$30
628	"	"	"	\$28
1697	"	"	"	\$25
668	"	"	"	\$25

Men's overcoats at \$12.50.

96 coats that were \$28	510	"	"	\$20
510	"	"	"	\$18
618	"	"	"	\$16
247	"	"	"	\$16

Youths' overcoats, sizes 32 to 35, at \$15.

22 coats that were \$32	53	"	"	\$30
53	"	"	"	\$28
44	"	"	"	\$25
135	"	"	"	\$25

Youths' overcoats, sizes 32 to 35, at \$10.

38 coats that were \$30	92	"	"	\$18
92	"	"	"	\$16
110	"	"	"	\$14

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THE PINK EDITION OF THE EVENING WORLD  
CONTAINS ALL SPORTING NEWS ON THE DAY.

## AVALANCHE HIT PASSENGER TRAIN.

One Car Smashed and Windows in Others Broken, but Those Aboard Pennsylvania Flyer Escape.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—The Cambria Express on the Panhandle Division of the Pennsylvania Company lines narrowly escaped a disastrous accident today when tons of earth and rock, loaded by rain, came crashing down the side of Duquesne Heights, on the south side of the city, covering the railroad tracks with five feet of debris.

The avalanche of earth and rock came without warning and struck the rear part of the express train, demolishing a portion of the baggage car and breaking many windows in the coaches. The train was quickly stopped and the passengers were brought into the city on street cars. No one was injured. Had the train been a few seconds late the full force of the landslide would have struck it, causing a serious accident.

## Saks &amp; Company

Broadway, 33d to 34th Street.

FOR THURSDAY WE ANNOUNCE

## Radical Price-Reductions

INVOLVING OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

## Fur Coats, Muffs and Neckpieces

From extreme to extreme, from the most inexpensive to the most costly, every fur coat, muff and neckpiece which our stock affords has suffered a price-reduction of one-third to one-half. They are of sable, mink, ermine, chinchilla, lynx, broadtail, squirrel, Persian lamb and caracul, in a variety of models.

## Suits, Coats &amp; Dresses for Women At Prices Extremely Reduced.

Evening Coats of fine broadcloth, in white and light shades, including exclusive imported and adapted full-length models.

Special at \$25.00 to \$98.00

Formerly \$48.00 to \$175.00

## Important Special

\$69 to \$79 Evening Coats at \$35

Of fine broadcloth, in white, cream and evening shades, in a variety of full-length models.

Fur-lined Coats in a series of full-length models, lined throughout with squirrel fur; large shawl collars of contrasting furs.

Special at \$25.00 to \$95.00

Formerly \$48.50 to \$150.00

## Important Special

\$65 to \$85 Fur Lined Coats at \$39.

Full-length models of broadcloth in black, brown, gray, red, green, tan, white, pink, champagne or navy; lined with selected squirrel fur; collar of Persian lamb, lynx, squirrel or Alaska sable.

Tailored Suits of broadcloth, velvet and mixtures, in black, navy, garnet, plum or green; in a variety of long and short-coat models.

Formerly \$25.00 to \$29.50. At \$15.00

Formerly \$35.00 to \$45.00. At \$25.00

Formerly \$48.00 to \$75.00. At \$35.00

Evening Dresses of silk, crepe de chine and nets, in a series of impressive models.

Formerly \$48.00 to \$75.00. At \$39.00

Formerly \$65.00 to \$115.00. At \$48.00

## Important Special

\$75 Princess Dresses at \$48

Of crepe de chine, in black, white, light blue, or pink, elaborately trimmed with lace insertions and fashioned over silk lining.

## Gold Plated Mesh Bags, \$6.50

Regularly Ten Dollars.

They are of German Silver in ring mesh design, mounted on rigid frames with soldered chatelaine chain and bead drops. The entire bag is heavily plated with fourteen karat gold, the good service of which we warrant. Throughout, the bag is lined with white kid; it has an inside change pocket.

## Lord &amp; Taylor

Will Offer for Thursday and Friday, the Following Values:—

Crépe de Chine, 23 inches wide; street and evening shades; 75c. value; 58c. yd.

Black Chiffon Voile, double width; value \$1.00 yd. 65c. yd.

Domestic Flannel, 150 pieces; value 50c. yd. 12 1/2c. yd.

Broadway and Twentieth St., Fifth Ave., Nineteenth St.

## Bloomington's

LEXINGTON TO 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE 59<sup>TH</sup> TO 60<sup>TH</sup> ST.

## For Two Hours

To-Morrow, Thursday, (From 10 to 12 o'clock)



The Bloomington Store will sell Women's Smart Spring Model Short Coat Suits and Swagger Long Coat Cheviot Suits, Worth \$18, \$20 and \$25, for \$8.98

Not one of the stylish suits in the lot that wouldn't command \$18 to-day. Many were originally \$25.

Every Suit is a Bargain Unequaled

Early comers will have the choice of the collection, of course, but there are enough to last through two hours of very lively selling.

Enough salespeople to serve all comfortably. These suits are superbly tailored, trimmed and finished. Every one was designed and made for this season. The long coats are lined with heavy satin. All sizes included. Only from 10 to 12 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning will the suits be sold for \$8.98 to \$5 Suits be sold for...

Bloomington's, 24 Floor, 20th St. Section.

## Splendid Specials in Neat Dresses for Maids.

Just from the workrooms. Crisp and pretty as a new dollar bill, and you'll cheerfully pay the price, because the worth is so much more.

MAIDS' HOUSE DRESSES, in light and dark colors; full front, with three rows of tucks; fitted back; turnover collar and 98c wide skirt with deep hem; special at \$1.25

PERCALE DRESSES; neat stripe effect; full front with narrow tucks, tucked back and wide skirt, at \$1.25

MAIDS' DRESSES; made of pretty striped percales, fitted back and full front with stitched tucks, with extra wide skirt; colors: pink, blue and black; special at \$1.49

Bloomington's, 24 Floor, 20th St. Section.

## Artists' Materials

At a Saving—Especially attention is called to our new Art Department in the Lexington Avenue Arcade. Everything the professional or amateur needs is here at a saving.

SPECIAL—Winsor & Newton's Oil Paints; all ordinary colors; two, 5 1/2c



## 100 Piece Gold Initial Dinner Sets

Made to your order and delivered in 2 weeks.

Just 3 Days More at Our Very Low Price of \$9.69

The Homer, Laughlin Pottery Co., East Liverpool, O., made most of the fine porcelain included in this remarkable sale. That's proof of quality. Other stores are selling the sets at \$20 to \$25—WITHOUT THE INITIAL. Every piece in these sets is embellished with a beautiful gold medallion, gold border, and an additional thin gold line, besides having, in gold,

Your Own Initial in Old English.

Included in the set are a soup tureen and regular shape soup plates. The dishes will retain their color and not craze from use.

Bloomington's, 24 Floor, 20th St. Section.

## \$3 Gold Spring Eyeglasses, 85c

The above is one of the most important offerings in our Great \$10,000 Sale of Eyeglasses and Spectacles that Commences To-Morrow, Thursday, Morning.

Every pair in the sale was made in the most scientific manner by the most reliable concerns in the country, and are offered at 50 to 75% below Value.

\$1.50 Eyeglasses and Spectacles at 50c.

In the fashionable skeleton design, with patent cork nose rests and clip. Glasses that are sold every day at the exclusive optician's for \$1.50 and more; in the Bloomington sale at 50c.

\$2.00 Eyeglasses and Spectacles at 68c.

At its gold-rimmed camera, a metal which is sold all the way through and will not tarnish or break; stylish and durable. You would consider them splendid value at \$2.00 a pair. You can purchase them at this sale at 68c.

Bloomington's, Main Floor, Front, Centre.

## Teeth Extracted FREE.

From 9 o'clock until noon to-morrow you may have that aching or decayed tooth taken out without the least bit of pain and without costing you a single cent.

We make this proposition to prove that our way of extracting teeth is the only one that is absolutely painless.

No gas or harmful drug is applied. A dental work is of the highest possible grade. Our dental parlors are among the largest and best equipped in the city. Equally important is the fact that we do the finest dental work at half the usual cost.

Full Sets of Teeth From 22-kt Gold Crowns \$3.00 or Bridgework..... UP.

Fillings from 50 cents up. Consultation and examination free at all times.

Randall's Dentistry, 34 Floor.

All Cars Transfer to Bloomington's, Lexington to 3d Ave., 59th to 60th St.

## GREEN CHAUFFEUR IS LATEST TERROR

Lack of Experienced Drivers Has Brought Him Into Use.

The peril of the green chauffeur has added itself to the other dangers of the city that make life interesting to Little Old New Yorkers. Within the neighborhood of 5,000 automobiles in the metropolis, thousands of them purchased within the past month or two, the supply of motor drivers has been skimmed down to the ranks of the mere novices.

All of the skilled pilots and mechanics were engaged as fast as they could be hired, or as fast as the training schools could turn them out. The garages and chauffeur colleges, it is said, have been turning out chauffeurs lately before they had acquired even the rudiments of an automobile education.

The result may be noticed on every thoroughfare in the Greater City. In the hospitals and the police records. The nervous citizen who leaps from pavement to pavement at the mere intimation of a trolley going now gathers even more strenuous inspiration from the look of the auto-horn.

## Runs Into Anything.

After the cab horse has stepped on you and you have been forcibly bumped by a trolley car, it is safe to lay long odds that a green chauffeur will skim along and finish the job. If he doesn't he has inadvertently run into something more worthy of his notice than a mere citizen; perhaps an entire carriageful.

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